

(c) No such seminar has been organised by the Government of India.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Survey on suicide by farmers

1390. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study or survey to find out the reasons which compel farmers to take extreme steps of committing suicide in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect farmers in case of crop failure, leading to suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) As per the reports received, the main reasons for suicide by farmers are crop loss and indebtedness. The respective State Governments which are primarily concerned taken appropriate measures in such cases.

Calamity relief fund and national fund for calamity relief

1391. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the operational guidelines and funding details of Calamity Relief Fund and National Fund for Calamity Relief;

(b) the allocation and tenure; and

(c) the assistance sought from both the funds and the amount released to each State during each of the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Financing of relief expenditure is governed by the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed quinquennially. State-wise allocation under Calamity Relif Fund (CRF) is determined by the Finance Commissions and the Government of India and the State